

In re Appln. of Brandt et al.

Application No. Unassigned (National Phase of PCT/EP03/04037)

*SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS*

*At page 1, under the title, insert the following new paragraph:*

This application is the U.S. national phase of international patent application PCT/EP03/04037, filed on April 17, 2003, and claims priority to German patent application number 102 17 102.5, filed April 17, 2002, all of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

*Amendment to paragraph 2, page 5:*

~~This task is being solved by a procedure according to Claim 1 and the applicability according to Claim 15. Advantageous improvements of the innovative method in the dependent claims as well as the innovative method are permissible. This object preferably is achieved by the characterizing features of the present invention. Advantageous embodiments and further developments of the solution will be apparent from the description of the invention provided herein.~~

*Amendment to paragraph 3, page 6:*

Particularly advantageous has been the analysis of those microsatellites ~~which are described in Claim 4 according to embodiments of the invention~~. For some of these microsatellites, ~~as also stated in Claim 6 according to embodiments of the invention~~, a multiplex PCR has been developed for the amplification of DNA. In particular, the choice of microsatellites and the primer for the multiplex PCR ~~as stated in Claim 8 according to embodiments of the invention~~, led to the effect that the microsatellites of each multiplex PCR preparation were spread over as many chromosomes as possible.